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SUBJECT: SUGAR: BARBADOS EFFORTS TO SUPPLY U.S.

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1. AT PRESENT, WEST INDIES QUOTA FOR 1974 IS 61,756 SHORT TONS RAW VALUE AND APPROVED APPLICATIONS UNDER FCFS TOTAL 86,045 TONS. RECEIPTS TO DATE FROM ALL WEST INDIES COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATELY 48,000 TONS, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN CHARGED TO FCFS ALLOCATION. THUS, FULL NORMAL QUOTA ALLOCATION REMAINS TO BE FILLED.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, IN PAST WEST INDIES SUGAR ASSOCIATION ALLOCATED QUOTA AMONG SUPPLYING AREAS. NOW THAT GOVERNMENTS APPEAR TO BE MAKING MARKETING DECISIONS, WE UNAWARE
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THAT MACHINERY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PERFORM THIS FUNC-

TION. AS FAR AS USDA IS CONCERNED, QUOTA IS NOT ALLOCATED BY COUNTRY AND SHIPMENTS FROM ANY WEST INDIES AREA WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL QUOTA FULLY SUBSCRIBED. THUS, BARBADOS MAY SHIP AGAINST QUOTA UNTIL FILLED.

3. FOLLOWING UK DECISION TO INCREASE CSA PRICE, IT APPEARS THERE ARE STILL DIFFERENCES OF VIEW ON MARKETING PRIORITIES AMONG COUNTRIES CONCERNED. IN RESPONDING TO GOB, THEREFORE, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT DIVISION OF U.S. QUOTA IS CONSIDERED BY USG TO BE MATTER FOR CARICOM COUNTRIES TO DECIDE. CASEY

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